

REMARKS

Claims 46 - 75 have been cancelled and new Claims 76 – 84 have been added. A Request for Extension of Time (with fee) is filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the thorough search and analysis of the prior art and claims.

All rejections of record are believed to be moot. The present claims define subject matter which is both novel and non-obvious relative to the rejections of record.

The Dupont document (US 5,877,103) refers to dark grey coloured glass, and thus does not anticipate nor make obvious independent claim 84, nor portions (A), (B) or (C) of new independent Claims 76 or 77.

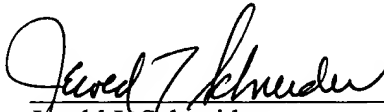
The Boire document (US 6,068,914) relates to a clear (not coloured) substrate with an anti-reflective coating. The anti-reflective coating results in an increase of LT and ET relative to the uncoated substrate. The penultimate clause of each newly presented independent claim refers to a decrease in LT and ET relative to the uncoated substrate.

The Allemand document (US 5,989,717) describes an electrochromic device in which the substrates are clear glass – all independent newly presented claims refer to a coloured substrate.

Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are solicited. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that an interview would expedite the processing of this application, the Examiner is both requested and encouraged to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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